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## Leopold Continues To Be German Captive

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—King Leopold was taken prisoner by the Germans on May 28 and continues to be in captivity.

This was disclosed by the Belgian Minister of Colonies, M. de Vleeschauwer, broadcasting in Flemish, from London to South Africa.

## R.A.F. Bomb Objectives In Berlin

LONDON, Oct. 24 (BWS)—It is learned in London that last night, R.A.F. bombers attacked objectives in Berlin and elsewhere in Germany.

Further details of these attacks are awaited.

Meanwhile the German Radio referring to them says that only a few planes reached the capital when a "greater raid" on Berlin was attempted. It is added that incendiary bombs and incendiary discs as well as a few high explosive bombs" were dropped.

Reuter adds the German High Command communiqué admits that one factory was hit and one German plane missing.

### BAD WEATHER

BERLIN, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Bad weather restricted German air activity over Britain yesterday to reconnaissance flights, according to the German High Command communiqué which also claims that during the night, bombs were dropped from heavy bombers attacking London.

It adds that a few enemy warships attempting to attack the Flemish coast were repulsed by naval guns.

### SECRET SESSION

The House of Commons had a secret session yesterday to debate on the defences of the country, according to a Daventry news bulletin last night.

## AMERICA HAS NO SECRET TREATY WITH ANY COUNTRY WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THE NATION IN WAR

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24 (REUTER)—"THE UNITED STATES HAS CONCLUDED NO SECRET TREATY WITH ANY GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD INVOLVE THIS COUNTRY IN WAR," declared President Roosevelt in opening a fortnight's election campaign here last night.

He said, "The worst bombshell which the Republican leaders have imposed on their people is the accusation that the Government, without the knowledge of Congress or the people, has secretly entered into agreements with foreign nations.

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Belgium had strictly observed the policy of independence, but the Germans who had guaranteed that independence, brutally attacked their country without any warning of their intention to dishonour their promise.

"Our brave army, commanded by King Leopold, defended our country courageously and in an exemplary manner against this unprovoked assault. The capitulation of our army on May 28, often referred to in a thoughtless and malevolent manner, was, as confirmed by subsequent events, to the inevitable necessity dictated by the military situation.

"No armistice or peace has since been concluded. Legally and practically we are still at war with Germany.

"On the same day, the King, Commander-in-Chief of our army was taken prisoner and continues to be in captivity together with officers and men of his army.

"With much foresight, the Belgian constitution provides that if the King should find it impossible to rule, his full authority is transferred to the Council Ministers."

### TANGIBLE PROOF

The Belgian Government was, therefore, legally constituted and, continued, M. Vleeschauwer, "we are now here to give tangible proof to England and all our brothers-in-arms of Belgium's will to see through this mutual struggle for our liberation and freedom and to ensure the legal control of our country's vital interest."

M. Vleeschauwer concluded with a tribute to the "remarkable endurance, cool resistance and fighting determination of the British people. The battle of London is henceforth regarded as the landmark in the history of this war for right and freedom. The London morale is excellent."

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## GERMANS SILENT ON THE HITLER-FRANCO TALKS: VICHY DECISION INDICATES MORE EXTREME DEMANDS ARE REJECTED

### Italian Destroyer Scuttled

#### 743 PLANES SENT TO BRITAIN FROM AMERICA

ROME, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The loss of the destroyer, "Frances Contul," was admitted in today's Italian High Command communiqué which, however, claims that after suffering heavy damage in action, the destroyer was scuttled by the crew.

The Commander was gravely wounded in the fight went down with his ship.

The communiqué also states that the British attacked the Italian position east of Sidi Barrani, while there were a number of air attacks on aerodromes.

This figure was compared with \$497,000,000 in the previous year.

Mr. Jones added that during the year, 743 planes had been sent to Britain.

## Axis Moving Towards Mediterranean Showdown

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—That the Axis is moving towards a Mediterranean showdown is the view expressed by Major Fletcher Elliot, military expert, writing in the NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE.

Major Elliot speculated on the possibility the Germans obtain control of the French and Spanish fleets.

The NEW YORK TIMES says that with Hitler in France, the situation in that country is more agonising than in June and explores the fact that there are Frenchmen willing to support Hitler "in the campaign against all that France stands for in the long epic of human progress."

### DEATH SENTENCE ON MUSELLIER

VICHY, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Admiral Musellier, Commander of the Free French Naval Forces, has been sentenced to death in his absence by the Military Tribunal in Toulon.

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### N.Z. PILOT AWARDED D.F.C.

LONDON, Oct. 24 (BWS)—The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to the New Zealand Pilot Officer, McArthur, aged 20, and the Distinguished Flying Medal to Sergeant Mylod, aged 19, who were pilot and front gunner respectively of an aircraft detailed

respectively to carry out an attack on a target in Toulon one night this month.

McArthur has now completed 35 major bombing operations, during which he has shown grim determination to carry out instructions.

Mylod has taken part in seven major bombing missions and has shown great determination in initiative and keenness.

ACTIVE ASSISTANCE

There is no doubt that what Hitler hoped to get from Vichy was active assistance against Britain.

German reports are now claiming that he is getting Franco to agree to declare war on Great Britain, but it is known that Ribbentrop's treatment of Suner when the latter visited Berlin recently has had a most unfortunate effect, from Germany's point of view.

A message from Rome, quoting the newspaper *Messaggero*, states that Spain has decided to regain its former glories in the Mediterranean.

There is no denial from Spain that the Spanish Government has decided to throw in its lot with the Axis Powers.

Recordings at the Royal Observatory were:

3 p.m. 81; 4, 80; 5, 75; 6, 73; 7,

72 (Peak 62.8); 8, 71; 9, 71; 10, 71;

11, 70; midnight, 70.

"Considerably cooler" is the forecast for today.

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## FUEHRER MAY TRY TO TAKE FRENCH FLEET IN N. AFRICA

MARSHAL PETAIN'S REPLY TO HERR HITLER'S DEMANDS WAS EXPECTED TO BE HANDED YESTERDAY, STATED A NEWS BULLETIN BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY LAST NIGHT.

The Germans are studiously silent on the talks between Hitler and Gen. Franco and even the Press has made no comment.

The same reserve is held on the Spanish side.

The impression is that Hitler's talks with M. Laval and Franco have a similar object and is taken to assume that Germany is not satisfied with the help Italy is giving her.

The Daventry news bulletin added that if Hitler fails to prevail on the people of the two countries to get them to declare the war he desires he will probably try to take the French Fleet in North Africa by force. This seems to be an alternative which the Germans can well take.

A report from Vichy indicates that the decision of the French Cabinet, at any rate, is that the more extreme demands have been rejected.

SEARCH FOR ALLIES

Hitler is now on his way home after his journey through France in search of allies, stated a news bulletin broadcast from Daventry last night.

The German Fuehrer's conference with General Franco concluded with a final meeting last night. Herr Hitler was accompanied by a large staff, including General von Brauchitsch and General Keitel.

It is interesting to note that, at this stage of the war Herr Hitler has abandoned his custom of summoning his intended victims to be bullied at Berchtesgaden and has himself resorted to a begging mission.

It is presumed that his meeting with Franco, which took place at a small station on the frontier and at which Senor Suner, the new Spanish Foreign Minister was present, was connected with the negotiations he had previously had with M. Laval, the Vichy Vice-Premier.

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## Hitler-Franco Talk Surprise Even To Spaniards

MADRID, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The Hitler-Franco meeting took most of the people here completely by surprise and outside of diplomatic and journalistic circles, a majority of the Spaniards did not know about the meeting until they read the newspapers today.

The papers however carry no more than the official communiqué and the Spanish Agency's description of the meeting. There are naturally rumours and speculations regarding the meeting, but responsible people inclined to withhold judgment at least for a day or two.

The Falangist organ, *ARRIBA* which nowadays appears to be more inspired, points out the historic significance of the meeting and adds: "We have full faith in Caudillo. All that comes from him is assured of our enthusiasm and any gesture or order will be joyfully obeyed."

### Eye Opener For British People, Says Nazi Radio

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The Germans now brag they took Norway by force and can take Sweden by telephone," declared Mrs. Harriman, former United States Minister to Norway in a recent speech, reported by Detroit newspapers.

Mrs. Harriman described the steps taken by the Norwegians to protect the Royal Family and the Government fleeing from Oslo.

She said that among the roads the Norwegians built huge log barricades and immediately the King passed, would close in on him.

She added: "Soldiers hidden in mountains over like machine-guns nests, would bowl the Germans over like ninepins, when they tried to get through."

## TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

IN CONNEXION WITH THE HITLER-FRANCO MEETING, the German Radio states that it will be an eye opener for the British people, while the Rome Radio says the political activity of the Axis Powers lays the foundation of a new Europe. The reply to the German Fuehrer's demands was expected to be handed by Marshal Petain yesterday and it is hinted that the more extreme demands have been rejected by France.

OPENING HIS RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN, President Roosevelt, in a speech, gave a solemn assurance that the United States had concluded no secret treaty with any country which would involve the nation in war. All his life, he added, he had laboured for peace.

THE EASTERN GROUP CONFERENCE, AT WHICH HONGKONG is represented, will open at Delhi today and marks the most important stage both in the progress of the war and in the future economic development of India, the Dominions and the Colonies.

IT IS REVEALED THAT KING LEOPOLD, who was taken prisoner by the Germans on May 28 continues to remain in captivity.



# In the World of Sports



## ABBAS AND RAKUSEN IN BOWLS SINGLES FINAL

### U.M. Omar Defeated After Leading 14-2

M. R. ABBAS, the Indian R.C. skip, entered the final of the Colony Open Singles lawn bowls championship for the first time in his career yesterday when he defeated the holder, U. M. Omar, by 21 shots to 20 on the 27th head in the semi-final at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The other finalist is M. N. RAKUSEN who beat F. J. Jones 21-18 on the 22nd head.

Detailed scores were:-

U. M. Omar M. R. Abbas

Head Shots Total Shots Total

1	1	1	—
2	1	2	1
3	—	2	1
4	4	5	—
5	—	5	1
6	1	7	—
7	1	8	—
8	2	10	—
9	1	11	—
10	3	14	—
11	—	14	1
12	—	14	2
13	—	14	1
14	1	15	—
15	3	18	—
16	—	18	1
17	—	18	1
18	—	18	2
19	—	18	1
20	—	18	2
21	1	19	—
22	—	19	1
23	—	19	3
24	—	19	1
25	1	20	—
26	—	20	1
27	—	20	2
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M. N. Rakusen F. J. Jones

Head Shots Total Shots Total

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7	—	4	1
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10	—	6	1
11	1	7	—
12	—	7	2
13	4	11	—
14	1	12	—
15	1	13	—
16	2	15	—
17	2	17	—
18	—	17	1
19	2	19	—
20	—	19	4
21	—	19	2
22	2	21	—

M. N. Rakusen F. J. Jones

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12:15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession

12:30 "Fats" Waller in a Swing Program

Fox-Trots — Skronch; Something Tells Me — "Fats" Waller and His Rhythm. Fox-Trots — Can't We Be Friends; Feckin' (film "New Faces") — Benny Goodman and His Orchestra

Fox-Trot — Darling Nellie Grey — Maxine Sullivan with Orchestra. Go Down Moses (arr. Waller); Deep River (arr. Waller); "Fats" Waller (Organ).

Fox-Trot — Afraid to Dream — Penny Goodman and His Orchestra. Fox-Trot — Taint What You Do — "Fats" Waller and His Rhythm.

1:00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1:03 Light Opera Selections.

"The Land of Smiles" — Selection (Lehar) — London Theatre Orchestra "Die Fledermaus" — Vocal Gems (J. Strauss) — Grand Opera Company with Orchestra. "A Country Girl" — Selection (Monckton) — London Theatre Orchestra. "Monsieur Beauchaine" — Red Rose (Messenger) — Raymond Newell (Baritone) with Orch.

1:30 Reader in. Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1:45 Compositions of Bizet.

"The Fair Maid of Perth" — Suite — Sir Thomas Beecham cond. the London Philharmonic Orchestra. "Carmen" — Rest thee here, while I read the letter — Pierre Pauli (Tenor) and Maria Carbone (Soprano) with Orch. and Chorus. "Carmen" — Captain. It seems Two Girls had a Sharp Quarrel — Rosanoni (Mezzo-Soprano). Pauli (Tenor) and Spada (Bass) with Orch. and Chorus.

2:15 Close down.

6:00 Dance Music.

Fox-Trots — Orient Nights Strolling in the Park — Billy Bartholomew and His Dance Orchestra. Quickstep — Don't You Care What Anyone Says; Slow Fox-Trot — When Two Love Each Other — Gerry Moore (Piano). Swing Fox-Trots — Miss Annabelle Lee; Runnin' Wild — Quintette of the Hot Club of France. Waltzes — Oh, Isabella; Mountain Life — Tessin Band. Fox-Trots — Is That the Way To Treat A Sweetheart? Small Fry (film "Sing You Sinners") — Music in the Russ Morgan Manner.

6:30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6:32 Dance Music continued.

Fox-Trots — Ti-Pi-Tin; Always and Always (film "Mandarin") — Gerry Moore and His Rhythm. Quickstep — Goin' Down To Santa Fe Town; Slow Fox-Trot — Rollin' Plains (from the film) — Big Bill Campbell and His Hill Billy Band. Fox-Trots — Souvenir of Love (from "Sailing Along"); In My Little Red Book — Jay Wilbur and His Band. Tangles — Champagne Bubbles; Song of the Sea — Jose M. Luchesi and His Orchestra. Slow Fox-Trot — Bull It In C — The New Lyras.

7:00 London Eday — The News.

7:15 London Eday — Topical Talks.

7:30 Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago.

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## HITLER-LAVAL MEETING PART OF POLITICAL OFFENSIVE TO KEEP U.S. OUT OF THE WAR

### Confession Of Germany's Dire Plight: Proposals To Vichy Govt. Rejected

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — "The most surprising thing about the Hitler-Laval meeting is that it should occur at all — that four months after France's downfall Germany should come to realize that there is still something to be made out of the despondent, defeated remnants of a great empire is a confession, not of the latent strength of France, but of the desperate need of Germany," writes Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

"It seems likely that Germany would press France for a declaration of war as she would be expected to lose more than they would gain: they would certainly find the French Army a most unreliable comrade in arms."

"What is more likely is that certain fresh concessions were discussed at the meeting in exchange for improvement in communications and supplies and less rigid supervision."

"The most likely concessions would be the surrender of the remainder of the French Navy and, possibly, French aeroplanes. It is too early to assume, however, that the Vichy Government would submit to such humiliating conditions."

#### INTIMIDATION OF U.S.

A mes ago from Zurich, quoting the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten, stated that yet another alleged reason for the Hitler-Laval meeting is that it is part of a great political offensive by the Axis to prevent America's entry into the war.

The correspondent further states that Germany is most anxious to put American intervention right out of the question before the Presidential election and that German newspapers are putting Spain into the same picture.

They speculate that if France could be induced to fight on Germany's side Spain could no longer keep out.

#### IDEA SCOFFED AT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — Well-informed French sources here scoff at the idea that France

### POLITICAL WAR BEGUN

BASLE, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — The political offensive has begun, says the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten, with the meeting of Hitler and Laval and "events must take place before the presidential election that will definitely exclude and render America's participation in the war impossible."

### SUMNER WELLES ON DEFENCE OF U.S.—AMERICA

BALTIMORE, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — Defence of the United States involves ability to repel an attack

against the U.S. or an attempted invasion of any part of the new world," declared Mr. Sumner Welles, the Assistant Secretary of State, in an address here.

"Recent years have made it clearer than ever that the Panama Canal cannot be rendered secure nor our own territory regarded as safe from invasion by air unless the territory of our neighbours to the south is equally secure and that cannot be achieved without the loyal friendship of other American Powers."

"There never was a time when hemispheric solidarity was such a suggestion," he added.

### JAP. VIGILANCE IN SHANGHAI UNRELAXED

CHUNGKING, Oct. 23 (Central) — Vigilance in the Japanese-controlled areas in Shanghai has not yet been relaxed, says a Shanghai dispatch.

Hongkew, Nantao, Chapei and the western districts are all barricaded with barbed wire entanglements. Only narrow passages are left for pedestrians and vehicles to pass through.

Barbed-wire barricades were erected yesterday in Avenue Haig adjoining Avenue Joffre in the French Concession.

#### AXIS PROPOSALS

ZURICH, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — The Axis Powers recently laid the following proposals before the Vichy Government, according to reports to the newspaper Volksrecht from Beyne.

1. France to hand over Alsace Lorraine to Germany and Nice to Italy.

2. Tunis to be divided between France and Italy; Algeria to remain French.

3. France to hand the northern part of Morocco to Spain.

4. The remaining French African Colonies to be jointly administered and exploited by France, Germany and Italy.

5. France to hand Indo-China to Japan.

6. France to place her Mediterranean Fleet and the Air Force stationed in North Africa at the disposal of Germany for use against Britain.

7. If these conditions were accepted, Germany would evacuate the major part of occupied France except for the Channel ports and the so-called closed areas from the Swiss frontier across Burgundy to the Belgian frontier and the Somme.

#### AGITATED DISCUSSION

These proposals the newspaper says, were submitted and examined at a special meeting of the Vichy Government and, following agitated discussion, were rejected by a majority.

What decided the issue was the consideration that the Vichy Government could not prevent the French Colonies from declaring for General de Gaulle should the proposals be accepted.

### NEW U.S.—FRENCH CONSULS ARRIVE SHANGHAI

CHUNGKING, Oct. 24 (Central) — Mr. Frank Pruitt Lockhart, new U.S. Consul-General in Shanghai, arrived in Shanghai aboard the U.S. President Coolidge yesterday morning.

Mr. Lockhart is succeeding Mr. Clarence Edward Gauss who has been transferred as U.S. Minister to Australia. He was formerly U.S. Consul-General in Tientsin and Counsellor of the U.S. Embassy in Peking. He will assume office within this week.

M. Jean Paul Boncour, newly appointed Counsellor to the French Embassy in China, and M. Roland de Margerie, new French Consul-General in Shanghai, arrived there by the same President liner yesterday.

### GENERAL

## CALMNESS OF BRITONS IMPRESSES AMERICAN

### Was Not "Blacked Out" In Motor Tour Of Country

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — Prominent Germans stated five years ago that in the event of war between Germany and England they would plan the attack on London to coincide with the United States Presidential elections.

Mr. Ralph Ingersoll, owner of a New York evening newspaper, said he was given this information five years ago in conversation with Captain Wiedemann (Hitler's aide-de-camp) and the German Consul-General in New York.

Mr. Ingersoll is paying a short visit to London and after surveying the city under "blitz" conditions, said he was bewildered by the calmness and courage with which the people were standing up to it and would return to America with a message of good cheer and admiration for the British people.

During a motor tour of over 100 miles in England, Ingersoll said that he did not feel that he had been "blacked out" from anything that had been happening here. He said that the only surprise was the difference of degree: there had been less damage to obvious military objectives than the impression given in America.

#### NO SCARS

Continuing, Ingersoll said that during the tour he saw railways, stations, factories, airports and harbours where shipping went on normally and cranes were loading at top speed. Yet there was not a single scar on any of them.

He said that throughout the journey he only saw 13 bomb craters but, on the other hand, found more damage to non-military objectives in London than expected.

"The way your people is accepting this is staggering. I do not know what they are made of but they certainly display a unanimity and calmness which is surprising."

"Nobody seems to be in a hurry. I find people queuing for buses and standing patiently reading newspapers, apparently absolutely unconcerned."

#### DEPRESSION NIL

"I have been around the shelters at night and during air raids and not seen evidence of any panic anywhere. I have talked with 300 or 400 people and have not found more than three or four depressed," he said.

Stressing the complete freedom with which he was allowed to move about England, Ingersoll observed that in Germany he would be taken in a bus accompanied by 20 or 30 officials and then taken back.

### LORDS DISCUSS ISSUING OF BRITISH WHITE PAPER

LONDON, Oct. 24 (BWS) — Viscount Maugham in the House of Lords yesterday suggested that the Government should consider the publishing of White Paper in a number of foreign languages as well as in English containing a selection of the more striking German untruths.

An accumulation of the astounding and unblushing lies of the German Government under Hitler and the coterie of adventurers and boastful gangsters by which he has surrounded himself would provide the best method of fighting this technique which had played a large part in the occupation of Austria and the conquest of seven other countries.

German lies amounted to a new weapon. The Germans invented poison gas as a weapon of war and they could now boast of using poison of another kind, namely, deliberate untruths intended to poison the mind.

The Duke of Devonshire, in replying, said that the principal weapon of the Ministry of Information was truth. There were various publications covering a very large number of foreign languages drawing attention to truth.

He said he would bear in mind the suggestion of a White Paper but he was not at present of the opinion that one should be issued.

### KENNEDY TO RETURN TO LONDON?

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — Disclaiming any knowledge of Ambassador Kennedy's plans, Mr. Cordell Hull told the press conference yesterday that "as far as I know" the Ambassador would be returning to his post in London.

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## TWO SAPPERS FINED ON RADIO CHARGES

### Asked Secretary Of Y.M.C.A. To Guarantee

Two Sappers of the 40th Company Royal Engineers, Wellington Barracks, JAMES FREDERICK JOHNS, 21, and HARRY AYNSLEY TURNBULL, 22, were charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy with obtaining two radio sets by bailing and receiving stolen property, a Philco wireless set, respectively.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston said that Johns obtained a Crosley wireless set sold to the Wing Lee Radio Service, at No. 109, Hennessy Road, for \$70.

On the information of Albert Chan, who took down the number of the car, the accused were traced. Both radios were recovered, one from Turnbull's premises at No. 93, Lockhart Road. They were valued at \$585.

WENT TO Y. M. C. A.

On the first occasion Johns took the shopkeeper to the Y. M. C. A. and asked Mr. A. W. Ingram, Secretary, to guarantee him. Mr. Ingram did so, although he did not know the first defendant personally. On both occasions the first accused gave false names and addresses to the radio dealers.

The Philco radio was sold to the second defendant for \$80 and Johns signed a receipt of \$160.

Sgt. Johnston said that the second defendant denied any knowledge of the offence and although he went to the radio shop with Johns he stayed outside in the car. He said that the first defendant told him that he obtained the radio by instalment.

The first defendant was bound over in the sum of \$50, fined \$30 and ordered to pay \$35 compensation to the Wing Lee firm, while the second accused was fined \$50.

The radio sets were to return to the owners.

## ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

### AT CENTRAL

**WOLFRAM ORE THEFT**  
Further evidence for the prosecution was heard by Mr. Barnett yesterday in the case involving four watchmen on charges of robbery of wolfram ore and demanding money with menaces.

Yesterday, Yip Wing-cheung, 25, DW 125, was committed to the Criminal Sessions on the count of robbery. He was defended by Mr. S. Na-Quinn.

The other accused were Ng Hin 23, DW 4, Ng Po, 25, unemployed, and Tse Kwong, 29, DW 37. Ng Hin was represented by H. A. de B. Botelho, and Tse Kwong by Mr. B. C. Hobbs.

Lau Lam identified Ng Hin and Yip as two of the four or five men who stopped him in Connaught Road.

Cheng Hei-yu, accountant of the Asia Mining Co., said he paid to Ng Hin \$43.50 for 40 catties of wolfram ore.

Hearing was adjourned to Nov. 6 at 2.15 p.m.

Det. Sub-Inspect. R. Cunningham is in charge of the prosecution.

### SENT FOR TRIAL

Committee proceedings against five Chinese charged with robbery at No. 423, Lockhart Road, first floor, on Sept. 18, were concluded before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday when all defendants were committed to the next Criminal Sessions.

Li Yuk, 28, ecolle, Au Chim, 36, unemployed, and Au Tim, 27, tin smith, were charged with armed robbery, while Tse Wah, alias Wah Bai, tailor, was charged with counselling, procuring or commanding the first three defendants to commit the crime.

Det. Sub. Insp. W. N. Darkin was for the prosecution.

Yesterday Wong Yee, amateur employed by James Ford, said that after hearing the door bell ringing, she went out and saw the first three defendants enter the house. Third defendant then produced a dagger.

Evidence was given by Li Ngan-ah of No. 421 Lockhart Road, who released the two arnabs.

Det.-Sgt. Li Shek testified to the arrest of the defendants.

### LIFE BANISHED GAOLED

Pun Shing, 32, who was banished for life on Aug. 7 this year, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday charged with breach of a deportation order.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour, Mr. Sheldon remarking that if defendant came back again he would be committed for trial at the Supreme Court where he would be liable to receive a heavier sentence.

Inst. Portallion prosecuted.

### MENACES CASE ADJOURNED

A remand of 24 hours for further inquiries was granted when Siu Cheuk, 25, unemployed, was charged before Mr. K. M. A. Bar-

nett yesterday with robbery and demanding money with menaces.

Siu was alleged to have robbed Siu Shuk-lim, at No. 105, Connaught Road West, of \$300 on Oct. 22, and to have demanded from complainant the sum of \$500 with menaces.

### AT KOWLOON

**AMERICAN STOWAWAYS**

Two Americans, Peter Mack, 23, electric welder, and Martin Stout, 23, bricklayer, were charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday as being stowaways and for entering the Colony without valid passports.

Det.-Sgt. Johnston said that both defendants arrived in the Colony on board the s.s. Kame Maru from Manila on October 23. The accused were formerly employed on the City of Newport News.

Both defendants were cautioned and will be expelled from the Colony.

### THEFT OF TOOLS

Convicted of larceny of six spanners and a jack from a private car, parked outside of No. 302, Prince Edward Road, property of Mr. J. M. Alves, a 21-year-old Chinese, Chau Chuen, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. Hinsworth yesterday.

Chan Kweil, 29, who was charged with receiving the spanners, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour.

### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

Alleged to have killed an unknown Chinese male at Takulung Road on October 21, Wong Tak, 46, unlicensed fruit hawker, was charged before Mr. E. Hinsworth yesterday with manslaughter.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman, prosecuting, asked for a remand of one week which was granted. The defendant was allowed \$100 bail.

### FALSE REPORT

Wong Tak-man, 30, charged before Mr. Hinsworth yesterday with making false report of crime, was remanded for 24 hours.

### HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Appearing before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday, Lo Lai, 22, street cooler, and Lo Sui, 23, unlicensed marine hawker, were charged with armed highway robbery and remanded 48 hours.

### SNATCHER GAOLED

Nine months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. Macfadyen yesterday on Chan Ying who was charged with larceny of a handbag.

Inspector Wright, prosecuting, said defendant was arrested by S.I. Li Wai-ming at Jordan Road and the handbag recovered.

### MARINE COURT

Four Chinese girls appeared before Comdr. G. F. Hole yesterday morning in answer to a charge of boarding a ship in port without the lawful permission of the master or other authorized officer.

They pleaded severely guilty and were fined \$20 each with the



Mr. J. W. R. Coles, of H.M. Naval Yard Police, and his bride, formerly Miss M. N. dos D. Ozorio, after their marriage at St. Joseph's Church. Miss Paula Hollands was bridesmaid and Miss Astrid Lee was flowergirl. (King's Studio).

## DEFENCE SUBMISSIONS IN HUANG APPEAL CASE

Hearing of the appeal concerning the Munsang College, Kowloon, was continued before Mr. Justice Williams and Mr. Justice Fraser at the Full Court of Appeal yesterday.

The appeal was brought by Mr. Rufus Huang, former Headmaster of the College, and Wong Sun-yin and Lee Siong-to, against an order made by the Chief Justice in Chambers that Mr. Huang be removed from the Board of Trustees and cease to be headmaster.

The respondents were Dr. S. W. Tso, C.B.E., Mr. Lam Tsz-fung and Mr. Mok Hing-shung, co-trustees of the College Council, who were represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., instructed by Mr. M. H. Turner. Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, appeared for the appellants.

Yesterday, Mr. Potter gave a summary of his arguments as follows:

(1) up to the end of 1938 the complete responsibility, financial and otherwise, of the school rested on the shoulders of Mr. Huang;

(2) between 1932 and 1938 the pupils increased from 260 to 600, which was largely due to Mr. Huang, bearing in mind that he was responsible for the running of the school during this time;

(3) the Government was so impressed by the work of the school that it gave a grant of \$6,000;

(4) Mr. Huang realised at an early date that if it was to exist at all the College must have its own building, and with that end in view he, by his own exertions and those of the teachers and pupils (and in which the co-trustees played no part whatever), raised the whole of the money necessary for the purchase of dangerous drugs.

Li Man was charged on two counts of possession of 36 and 1-5/12 ounces of cocaine before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, and was found guilty by a unanimous verdict.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, prosecuted, while Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau, was for the defence.

The jury comprised Messrs. A. J. Dennis (Foreman), C. Tezel, P. S. Chan, Tang Chang-let, W. L. Cunningham, J. M. Reis and Fung Shiu-ming.

### SENTENCE DEFERRED

Sentence was deferred to the next Sessions to enable the defendant to assist the Police in further enquiries.

Mr. Murphy said that on Sept. 9 a party of revenue officers raided No. 4, Lee Shing Street, second floor. Shortly after, the accused arrived carrying a parcel and a handbag. The parcel was opened and it was found to be a biscuit tin containing 36 ounces of cocaine.

A bunch of keys was found in her handbag, and one of them was to a safe deposit box in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Counsel submitted that the true state of affairs was that Mr. Huang had had the school in his own hands for several years and now that the Council had wakened up, he could not have things done his way.

Mr. D'Almada also submitted that Dr. Tso, Mr. Lam nor any member of the Council had done anything to imperil the welfare of the school. It was only a question of difference of opinion between Dr. Tso and Mr. Huang as to what was right and wrong regarding the running of the school.

Dealing with the loan from Ma-which Dr. Tso had stopped, counsel contended the reason for Dr. Tso's action was because he was not satisfied with the accounts of the school.

Following further submissions concerning the school fees and the transfer of the banking accounts, hearing was adjourned to Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Alternative of three weeks' imprisonment each (the fines) were paid.

### MASTER FINED

In the same court the master of a sampan was charged with tying up to a wharf and with failing to stop when requested to do so. He pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$5 on each count. The fines were paid.

Cross-examined by Mr. Murphy, accused said that her name was Li Man-fai and the reason why she did not give her real name to the revenue officers was because she had many friends in Hongkong and that she did not wish them to know she had been arrested.

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A smart bit of detective work by the manager of a beauty salon resulted in four young Chinese girls who had been reported to the Police as missing, being traced and given in temporary charge to Miss P. Harrop, Lady Assistant to the S.C.A. and are now in the Po Leung Kuk.

Dramatic details of the exploits of the four young adventurers, from the time they left home till their return, were learned by the Hongkong Daily Press yesterday evening when the girls were taken to the Shamshuiipo Police Station.

## DAILY HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases not fled as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended midnight on Oct. 23.

Cholera, three cases; diphtheria, one case; enteric fever, five cases; nine cases of dysentery; and 36 cases of tuberculosis.

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IN THE GOODS OF DOROTHY STEWART late of Thurston Grange, Bury St. Edmunds in the County of Suffolk in the United Kingdom deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897, made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 17th November, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS, Solicitors for the Executors, 1, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

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## BUS MEETS LORRY IN HEAD-ON SMASH

Some 20 passengers, in a No. 5 bus had a nasty experience yesterday evening, during the rush hour, when the vehicle came in collision head-on with a fully-laden lorry in Queen's Road Central, at the junction of Pottinger Street, not far from the China Emporium.

Hardly out of school-going age, none of them being over 15 years old, the girls, Man Wai-lin, Leong Sow-kwai, Mol Keng-fong and Moi Sow-seng, left their homes at different times between noon and 1 p.m. on Wednesday, taking their clothing and other personal effects, and leaving behind letters saying that they were going to Macao where work had been found for them.

It is believed that they were enticed away by a man who took them to Hongkong. They eventually found their way to the Tai Koon Hotel in Des Voeux Road, where they took rooms.

In conversation with a hotel employee, one of the girls is reported to have said that they were looking for work and actually asked him whether they could be employed as waitresses.

## SUSPICIONS AROUSED

Feeling that they were too young to be on their own, the hotel man's suspicions were aroused, but when he tried to contact the girls, it was discovered that they had gone out.

It was to the Hon Man barbers' beauty parlour in Des Voeux that the girls went. By a strange fate, however, the manager of the shop happened to be reading a Chinese newspaper in which the photographs of the three girls were published as missing persons.

Questioning the girls he ascertained that they were staying at the Tai Koon Hotel. He telephoned the Police. In the meantime the girls had gone back to the hotel.

The Police were soon there and lost no time in taking them back to the Po Leung Kuk. But what the parents will think of the girls' new head-dress, nobody can guess!

## FIRST AID LECTURES

A course of lectures in First Aid to the Injured will be given by Dr. (Miss P. Ruttonjee) M.B., B.S., in the Board Room, South China Morning Post, Wyndham Street, commencing on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at 5.30 p.m.

These lectures are open to the general public, and are specially recommended to anyone desiring to become a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, A.R.P. Auxiliary Reserves or a full Member of the Brigade, recruits for both bodies being urgently required.

A food shortage in the invaded countries with the resultant clamour for succour, three staple foods could be, and are being, used in the manufacture of ammunitions—fat, potatoes and rice.

## KEEP CHINS UP

The speaker concluded by asking those present to keep their chins up and to bear in mind that conditions at home are not so bad as they are led to believe in news reports of bombings (cheers).

A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, after which Mrs. Phillips presented Prof. Cullis with a bouquet.

## CONFEDERATION OF DEMOCRACIES

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 24 (Reuters)—A confederation of democracies as the outcome of the present war, was predicted by Colonel Denys Reitz, Union Minister of Native Affairs, speaking here today.

Colonel Reitz visualised the African confederation extending from the table mountain to the equator.

He added: "A victory for Hitler's gangsters would turn South Africa into a German annex."

## IMPRESSIONS OF TRAVEL ON BURMA ROAD

## INTERESTING DISCOURSE GIVEN BY AMERICAN DOCTOR

"The creation of the Burma Road,—the 700-mile highway joining India and China—may well prove to be of greater significance to the world's history than all the political events through which we are now passing," said DR. MELVILLE MACKENZIE, whose work in connexion with organising health relief in China, took him over the new route, and who broadcast his impressions on it from Daventry last night.

Dr. Mackenzie described how he and an engineer had arrived in Kunming, in Yunnan, to report for duty with the Chinese Government.

"It was a lovely summer evening last year," he said, "high on the plateau of Yunnan. An aeroplane dived overhead and then glided to earth—it was the plane from Chungking. At the Kunming Post Office I received a sealed document from the Chinese Ministry for Foreign Affairs. We were both to proceed at once along the new partially completed Burma Road.

"In China this road is known as the Kunming-Burma highway, which is a better name for it, as it is a high way. My engineer friend was to report upon the road, the bridges and the earth constructions, while I, as a doctor, was to report on the health of the coolies engaged in working on the road and the measures to prevent malaria and disease from breaking out."

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## ROUSING RECEPTION AT STANLEY

## Y.M.C.A. CONCERT PARTY

The Y.M.C.A. Concert Party were accorded a rousing reception at Stanley Barracks last night when they presented a Vaudeville programme compered by David Kosick.

Nora Mitchell, in a vocal number, and Irene Arbeau proved the most popular artists, the latter being seen in a particularly fine dance item with Norman Binning.

Harold Harrison and Robert Richmond in "Seeing Double" were warmly applauded for their presentation of a very novel and humorous sketch, while Mystic, the Memory Man, again held the audience spellbound with his feats of memory.

Alex. Graff, Stanley Hinchliffe, John Gilchrist, William Knight, Maude Minnie Mather and Jim Molotov were others who contributed to the programme with some well-presented sketches and comedy items, and "Les" Gibson was past masters navigating round slippery corners, their only defect being refusal to change down to a lower gear.

## COURT DISASTER

"To lose faith with anyone in China is considered incorrect," said Dr. Mackenzie, "but to my mind to lose faith with a motor engine is to court disaster."

Dr. Mackenzie described the beauty of the scenery that was revealed with each stage of the journey. The rice fields in the valleys and then zig-zagging up a steep incline into the clouds and the view from the top of the climb, with bright skies overhead and billowy clouds beneath.

All along the way, he said, they met military lorries taking munitions to the front and their own lorries had to reverse into the nearest space on the roadside to allow them to pass.

They caused a great deal of excitement in the first village they came to, where they were met by a Chinese road divisional engineer and sat down to a meal of rice, duck, vegetables, oranges and rice wine. That was a typical meal for travellers and one was entirely dependent on hospitality during the trip as there are no places where one can buy food.

## SLIPPERY ROADS

"We were on the road again at five o'clock in the morning and began to climb another path of 8,000 feet," continued Dr. Mackenzie. "Again slippery roads and arguments between our drivers and drivers of military lorries and on and down again to the next valley. My friend made copious notes all the way on defects of the surface, etc., and studied the problems of health particularly in one village where we found that the salt pans and water supply was entirely devoid of iodine elements, with the result that the people were affected by goitre."

"Machinery for dealing with this has now been established by the Chinese Government on my advice and I am sure these monstrosities will now disappear in time."

"The highway is an engineering wonder," declared Dr. Mackenzie. "It has been built by Chinese en-

gineers in nine months with 200,000 coolies working with primitive instruments. Earth is removed in little baskets and rivers and ravines have been bridged and now there is this 700-mile highway joining India and China, providing China's only important line of communications for obtaining supplies."

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## Fuehrer Staking Dignity For Spanish Alignment

MADRID, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The German wireless announce that Herr Hitler and General Franco, accompanied by Herr von Ribbentrop and Senor Suner, their respective Foreign Ministers, have arrived at the Franco-Spanish frontier where they will go into conference.

A London cable, quoting the English broadcast of the Hamburg Radio last night, confirms that the meeting between Hitler and Franco will take place on the Franco-Spanish frontier and that Suner and Ribbentrop participated in the conversations which "were conducted in the cordial spirit of comradely friendship that unites the two nations."

## GERMANS SILENT

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Cabinet to accept the German terms, which will mean that the French army, navy and air force will be expected to co-operate against the British Empire.

Another report, nevertheless, states that a majority at Vichy rejected the German terms in spite of Laval's urgings.

## PRACTICALLY NOTHING

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Practically nothing but the official communiqué announcing Hitler's meeting with Franco has been allowed to be published in the Press states the Berlin correspondent of the NEW YORK TIMES.

Neutral diplomatic observers in Berlin, however, consider the diplomatic events are at present taking precedence over the military prosecution of the war against Britain which is playing second fiddle to events centring on the Mediterranean.

There was general relief through France when the Vichy Government categorically announced that France would not fight Britain nor hand-over the Fleet or other armaments to that end says a Vichy dispatch to the New York Times.

The momentous character of the Hitler-Laval meeting had been realised throughout the country, says the dispatch.

Laval left for Paris after his talk with Petain and meeting several members of the inner Cabinet but returned within a few hours owing to a thick mist which made travelling dangerous. He said that he would resume his journey on Thursday morning.

## ROME PRESS COMMENT

ROME, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The importance of the Hitler-Franco meeting is stressed by the press in Rome.

POPOLO DI ROMA says "events will result from the talk between the Fuehrer and Caudillo." It adds that while the war against Britain is "being pursued with intensity on all fronts," political activity of the Axis powers are being developed in a harmonious series of meetings understandings at which, though closely connected with action of war, look beyond victory and lay the foundations of a New Europe of tomorrow."

MESSAGERO asserts "it is a new confirmation of the attitude of a new Spain reborn under the sign of Falange, determined to re-establish autonomy power and freedom in the Mediterranean."

## FRANCO ENTERTAINED

MADRID, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—In the evening, Franco and Suner were entertained to dinner by Hitler and von Ribbentrop in Hitler's coach.

General von Brauchitsch and Senor Montero, Spanish Ambassador to Germany were at dinner, though not mentioned, as having taking part in the conversations.

Hitler's train arrived at the meeting place at 3.30 p.m. and Franco's immediately afterwards. Talks began as soon as introductions were finished and concluded at 8.50 p.m. Franco left to return to Madrid last night after a cordial farewell to Hitler.

The Spanish Ambassador to Berlin and the German Ambassador in Madrid were also present at the talks.

BUDAPEST, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—It is announced that trade negotiations between Hungary and Rumania were interrupted by the recall home of the head of the Rumanian delegation.

## WISHFUL THINKING BY JAPAN

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The San Francisco Chronicle quotes the retiring Japanese Ambassador to the United States, Mr. K. Horinouchi as saying that a peace agreement which lacked a final official action, had been reached between General Chiang Kai-shek and Wang Ching-wei, head of the Nanking Regime.

The paper reports Mr. Horinouchi as saying that he thought the terms were along the lines mooted by the Japanese two years ago.

Mr. Horinouchi, according to the paper, said that Wang Ching-wei's regime would be recognised by Japan when the agreement is completed.

Referring to the Japanese-American situation, Mr. Horinouchi, who is sailing for Japan tomorrow said: "What are most needed are calmness, wisdom and foresight."

## STRONG BID

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The Japanese are apparently again making a strong bid to persuade General Chiang Kai-shek to come to terms with them says the Peking correspondent of the usually well-informed NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS.

The terms offered to Chungking are said to include:

Firstly, the Yangtze area to be demilitarised.

Secondly, the five Provinces in North China to form an autonomous state under Chinese suzerainty but Japan to have complete and sole economic control.

Thirdly, recognition of the independence of "Manchukuo."

Fourthly, Japanese concessions to be established in all ports.

## GENERALISSIMO THANKED

## OVERSEAS CHINESE PLEDGE LOYALTY TO CAUSE

CHUNGKING, Oct. 24 (Central)—A message expressing deep appreciation of his solicitude for their welfare, and renewing their pledge of their loyalty to the cause of the war of resistance has been received by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek from a group of over 300 overseas Chinese leaders in the Netherlands East Indies.

In view of the current developments in the Far Eastern situation which threaten to engulf the South Seas Islands, Generalissimo Chiang recently dispatched a high official in the person of General Wu Tachen, Minister of Overseas Affairs, to tour the various Islands on a goodwill visit.

After having visited the Philippines, General Wu and party have arrived in Batavia where they were given an enthusiastic ovation.

The Chinese Communities in the Netherlands East Indies are greatly cheered by the presence of General Wu. In particular, they feel gratified at a message of comfort and commendation from the Generalissimo, which was read by General Wu at a mass meeting in Batavia.

## SWISS PLANES FOR P.L.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Aeroplanes built for the Swedish Government will be sent to the Philippines, states the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE.

The decision to send planes there instead of selling them to Britain is stated to be due to the growing tension in the Far East and to the fact that the United States Army planes there are obsolete.

## ADDITIONAL U.S. WARPLANES FOR MANILA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The United States War Department announced that it is transferring two air corps squadrons to the Philippines.

It declined to say how many planes are involved.

## DEFENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—It is officially announced and anticipated that all dependents of the regular U.S. Naval and Marine personnel in China, will have departed from Shanghai by the middle of November.

## CABLE

## London Again Principal Objective Of Nazi Raiders

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—London and the Home Counties were the principal objectives of last night's raids, states a communiqué issued by the Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security.

The attacks, which began shortly after dark and continued at intervals during the night, were not on a large scale.

Houses and shops were damaged at several points but up to 5.30 a.m. G. M. T. no report of heavy death roll had been received and casualties were reported to be not numerous though some were killed.

## DAMAGE TO HOUSES

Bombs were also dropped in a town in North-East England causing some damage to houses and a number of casualties, and at a few places in southern Scotland but here the damage was slight and the casualties few.

Elsewhere, although there was enemy activity no bombs were reported to have been dropped.

## DORNIER SHOT DOWN

LONDON, Oct. 24 (BWS)—The Air Ministry announces that a Dornier 17 was shot down by a Spitfire patrol in the English Channel this morning.

## JAPANESE LEAVING INDIA

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Sixty-five Japanese passengers are expected to leave Bombay shortly in a Japanese ship, according to the Delhi Wireless.

Another Japanese ship is sailing from Bombay later with more Japanese including, it is expected, almost all Japanese women and children in Bombay.

## JAPANESE WOMEN LEAVE SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—More than 1,000 Japanese women were aboard the Japanese red cross ship Asahi Maru which left Shanghai yesterday for an unknown destination, reports the SHANGHAI WIRELESS.

It is believed that the women are wives of high Japanese military officers of Nanking and Hankow, a number of whom had been ordered back from Yangtze River areas.

## AMERICANS IN "MANCHUKUO"

MUKDEN, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Nearly 50 Americans in "Manchukuo" mainly women and children are availing themselves of the evacuation facilities being arranged by the United States Government and it is expected that others will follow later. There are about 500 Britons in "Manchukuo" but it is too early to ascertain how many have departed.

## EVACUATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Evacuation Advisory Committee will be held on Saturday, Oct. 26, at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

Only the cases of women who have applied to the Committee for a hearing in person and have been requested to attend the meeting will be considered.

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SYDNEY, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Eighty children mostly from London and Lancashire arrived today at various states in the Commonwealth.

## INSULTS TO THE REICH

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According to the NEW YORK POST'S Berlin correspondent, who adds that insults to the Nazis and the Reich and its symbols, are very frequent in Holland.

## ISOLATED ENEMY AIR ATTACKS

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Enemy air activity yesterday has been confined to a few isolated attacks by single aircraft.

Bombs were dropped on a town of the south coast and on two places in the London area. Damage was slight and there were casualties only in one London area.

## COURAGE INCREASING

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## GROWING RESENTMENT IN RUMANIA

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Turkey is definitely resolved to take counter-measures should Bulgaria compromise her neutrality by permitting German occupation in one form or another, states a Sofia dispatch to the NEW YORK TIMES, quoting diplomatic sources.

Turkey, said the dispatch, would probably invade southern Bulgaria and establish defensive lines on mountains in eastern Rumania.

The same paper learns from Istanbul that Rumanians are living there still of growing resentment in Rumania at the German occupation.

This discontent is most noticeable in the Army where both officers and men take no pains to conceal their hatred for the Germans.

## EXTRADITION OF MME. LUPESCU

VICHY, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Ex-King Carol has been informed that a demand was made for the extradition of Madame Lupescu, according to the Havas Agency from Madrid.

It is believed that the women are wives of high Japanese military officers of Nanking and Hankow, a number of whom had been ordered back from Yangtze River areas.

## THE EXTRADITION OF TWO MEMBERS OF KING CAROL'S SUITE

The extradition of two members of King Carol's suite was also demanded.

## RICE CONTROL IN JAPAN

The Japanese Government will take over the control of rice supplies throughout the country next month, according to a Tokyo report broadcast in a news bulletin from Daventry last night.

It was stated in Tokyo that the step was being taken to enforce Japan's war-time food policy.

A message from Mexico states the Mexican Government has forbidden the export of £50,000 worth of mercury ordered by Japan, and the shipment is now lying at a Mexican port.

## ANGLO-CANADIAN U.S. AGREEMENT ON DEFENCE BASE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—An agreement has been reached between the United States, Britain and Canada on the location of a defence base on the southern shore of Newfoundland, said Colonel Knox, Secretary for the Navy, at a Press conference yesterday.

A survey crew is already preparing to start work on the first stage of new Atlantic bases acquired from Britain.

## COMMUNISTS STILL VERY ACTIVE

CLERMONT FERRAND, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Communist elements in unoccupied France are still very active and in the past few days, 78 communists have been taken into custody.

Communist tracts have been discovered at Lyons and at Marseilles and 13 people described as militant communists were arrested.

## A MEETING OF THE SHUNCHUN RURAL WELFARE CENTRE

A meeting of the Shunchun Rural Welfare Centre was held at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday afternoon to discuss plans for the ball in aid of refugee farmers to be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Nov. 23.

## KNITTING WOOL

## MOST IMPORTANT STAGE IN PROGRESS OF WAR

## Eastern Group Conference Opening Today

NEW DELHI, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The Eastern Group Conference opening here tomorrow marks the most important stage in the progress of the war and the development of the countries in the East.

The main object of the conference is to enable India to make an even larger contribution to the general war effort and particularly to equip and supply the forces in the Middle East and East Suez.

Representatives of Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, Burma, Hong Kong, Ceylon, Malaya, Palestine and territories covered by the East African Governments will be present in addition to the Indian representatives, while the British Ministry of Supply mission to India will also be available.

SUPPLY POLICY

The conference will endeavour to settle the supply policy in order to make the Eastern Group self-sufficient in connexion with the war supply. Any surplus would be available for the imperial war effort elsewhere.

Hopes are expressed that a standing committee may be formed to supervise the implementation of the conference's decisions.

Although no general economic discussion is envisaged, the essential needs of the civilian population in any country concerned, will be considered whether they constitute the war supply problem.

The Dutch East Indies are sending four observers to attend the Eastern Group Conference at New Delhi.

[Hongkong's representatives are Mr. D. J. Sloss and Mr. J. Whyatt with Mr. E. Cock and Mr. D. L. Newbould as advisers.]

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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1. Piece Steel Bar

1. Carton Medicated Oil

1. Packages Sample Goods

also

## A QUANTITY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS AND FURNITURE

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\*1. Barrel Ultramarine Blue

\*1. Barrel Red Iron Oxide

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## A COLLECTION OF VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS

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SWISS AND OTHER EUROPEAN MADE WATCHES, WATSON'S AERATED WATERS, TAI KWONG MATCHES, FROM MACAO, WILLS' AND PLAYERS' CIGARETTES, AMERICAN IMPORTED SEEDS AND SUNKIST ORANGES AND OLD CALIFORNIA NEWSPAPERS, sold by the catty, are the only non-local or non-China made products enjoying any sale on the Un Long Market.

Hongkong and Shanghai factories offer a wide variety of manufactured goods, shirts, singlets and shoes, coats, hats, brushes and combs, needles and thread, the price ranges very much below those of the British or American product and proving a telling factor if one would judge by the very nearly complete exclusion of British and American goods.

UNCLE SAM is represented principally by Sunkist oranges, vegetable seed and reams of old California newspapers.

These latter find their way into the huts of villagers about the Deep Bay area, served by the market and are used for a variety of purposes, as wrapping paper, floor paper, wall paper and even as mattresses and blankets. The paper is collected off American ships calling here and is even imported to some extent from Shanghai.

## VERY RURAL MARKET

The market is a very rural one and advertisements in smart American journals could scarcely have produced an effect, even if some old copies of a number of magazines are to be found in the homes of the local gentry. One looks in vain for a packet of even the most popular brand of American cigarettes.

Wills' "Three Castles" is the most expensive brand of cigarettes on sale, and the local tobacconist had to be urged to produce a packet on promise of a purchase, he doubting the while that anyone other than a high-placed local worthy would succumb to such expense.

Judging by the number of packets to be seen about the place, "Wang Brothers' "The Raven" cigarettes seem to be about the most popular brand, while "Clipper" and "Er bassy" and some other brands of about the same price are quite prominently displayed.

## 3-CENT CIGARS

For the cigar-smoker, the tobacconist has on his shelves a "good three-cent cigar" and should that out anyone of the local public out of pocket, his price range goes down to five cents for three cents. These enjoy a wide sale.

The local watch-repairer has a good stock on hand, listing even some expensive watches in his inventory, and even a stop-watch. The Connaught Aerated Water Company are the principal of these.

## POLICY OF M.O.I.

British propaganda was discussed in the House of Lords yesterday, according to a news bulletin broadcast from Daventry.

The Duke of Devonshire, speaking for the Ministry of Information, said that the policy of the Ministry was to convince the world of its veracity by a strict attention to the truth.

Some people had complained that the Ministry was late in presenting German lies about air raid results, but this was because it took time to check what had happened and to get the correct facts.

Further tremors are said to be shaking the Carpathian-Caucasus region.

## Earthquakes In Eastern Europe

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) —

More reports of earthquakes are coming in from eastern Europe.

According to Bucharest reports

many persons were seriously injured on Tuesday. Other reports

are from Bessarabia, Kief-Khar-

kut, and other districts in the Ukraine.

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## RADIO PROGRAMMES

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9.30 London Relay—The News and News Commentaries.

9.30 London Relay—Talk: "Books and People."

9.45 Short Recital by Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Pau Casals (Cello).

Eduard (Sandov) If I Could Forget Your Eyes (Albeniz) Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Les Compliments (Cassado) — Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano. I Still See to Your (from "The Pearl Fishers")

Bizi: O Charming Hour (Manon — Massenet) — Gigli (Tenor) with Orch.

Moment Musical (Schubert) — Le

Cygne (Saint-Saens) — Pau Casals (Cello) with Piano.

10.10 Berlin—Symphonic Fantasy, Op. 14.

1st Mov. Reveries Passion: 2nd

Mov. On-Bal: 3rd Mov. Scene aux

champs: 4th Mov. Marche au Sup-

plice: 5th Mov. Songe d'une nuit du

Sabbat—Orchestra De La Societe Des

Concerts Du Conservatoire cond. by

Bruno Walter.

11.00 Close down.

## GENERAL

## EIRE GOVT. TO RECEIVE EVACUEES

## NO SCHEME FOR MASS MIGRATION

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Eire is now ready to receive British evacuees but the scheme will be entirely confined to those who can make their own arrangements to go to Eire.

Reuter learned yesterday that discussions to facilitate the reception in Eire of mothers and children from Britain were initiated by the Eire Government.

It is stated that there is no intention of inaugurating a Government sponsored scheme of mass migration of children who would be sent abroad under the Children's Overseas Reception Board scheme.

An official stated "that it is a great gesture from Eire. The scheme is in response to suggestions made by their Government."

## DISCUSSIONS PROCEEDING

An official of the Eire High Commissioner's Office in London stated that discussions are still proceeding between the two Governments.

If people could find permanent accommodation with relatives or through some aid organisation Eire has expressed its ready to receive them.

## DE VALERA'S IDEA

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — It was Mr. Eamon De Valera who suggested that mothers and children from the bombed areas should be given sanctuary in Eire.

Reuter understands.

He was moved to do this by

feelings of distress at the sinking of the liner City of Benares with the loss of 79 children on the way to Canada.

When news came of this tragedy, Mr. De Valera put the suggestions before his Ministers so that arrangements might be made as soon as possible by the British Government.

## This Strange World

Now comes the "talking book," an innovation which combines a gramophone record and a picture book for children. No. 1 book is Mother Goose. As the child turns the pages the record "sings" the songs tells the story and comments on the pictures....

The butchers' shops are not very conspicuous, and the poultry-dealer, despite the number of ducks to be seen about Mal Po and elsewhere, seems also in the background.

Widely displayed, and to the extent where one is set a-wondering as how many a local villager will permit himself the expense, are bottles of aerated water. Watson's Orange Squashes are everywhere, though some Chinese bottlers are competing for the market. The Connaught Aerated Water Company are the principal of these.

Owing to heavy demand on wood supplies, Germany utilizes potato leaves and stems for newsprint

One hundred thousand copies of one journal have been printed on this stock....

Forgers frequently copy signatures from bank blotters. Many American banks urge their clients to scratch out the image of signatures on blotters after drying the ink on cheques. Some banks are even using black blotters....

The most forged of all signatures is that of Antonio Stradivari, the famous Cremona violin maker. His signature is forged on cheap violins which are sold as genuine Stradivari....

It has been found that eggs will keep better if they are stored with the small ends down....

Salmon have a miraculous instinct for returning to their birthplace to spawn their young. They live for their first season in the fresh water where they were spawned. Then they migrate downstream to the sea. When they are four years old they go upstream again, breed and die....

This has been made clear in a communication recently despatched by the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London to the International Red Cross in Geneva.

It also gives the answer to the open letter to the Prime Minister, published in the New York Times, and signed by James Wood Johnson, ex-president of the American Volunteer Ambulance Corps in France, pointing out the danger of epidemics and disease in France this winter and saying it is possible to mitigate this danger without in any way relaxing the total blockade of enemy-controlled territory.

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The right side of the human body is controlled by the left side of the brain....

The average human body would produce enough fat to make seven bars of soap; enough phosphorus for two thousand matches; enough tea to whitewash a small chicken house, enough iron for two small nails; about two pounds of sugar; one large dose of magnesia; six tea-spoonsful of salt, a small amount of sulphur, and ten gallons of water—total value about two shillings....

A projectile shot from a fourteen-inch naval gun is likely to hit a target within a radius of seventeen miles; beyond this distance the course of the missile is uncertain....

Many a sailor has an anchor

## Woman Found Knifed In Automobile

## P.I. POLICE ARE BAFFLED

San Pedro Makati police were baffled on the night of Oct. 18 over what was reported as an assault with robbery on a man and woman motoring along Vito Cruz Extension, reports the Manila Bulletin of Oct. 19. At first reported on an accident, the victim was Mrs. Marzie Cross, 24-year-old wife of a U.S. Navy man assigned to the Cavite Navy Yard. Her nationality was given to the police as Portuguese-Hawaiian.

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## TWO WOUNDS

The machine in which the two were riding had careened into a ditch. Juan Balmori, 28, of 435 Pingkian, Tondo, with the help of a passing taxi driver, Matias R. de Guzman, pulled Mrs. Cross from the car and took her to the Philippine General Hospital where attending physicians found her suffering from two knife wounds, one in the abdomen and the other in the right side, and an injury in the left leg. She was subjected to an operation. Her condition was reported critical.

Balmori, who sustained a cut on the left forehead admitted he was with Mrs. Cross in the car. He claimed she was stabbed by an unknown person who also hit him in the face. He said they had stopped for a while and as he started the car, a man came from behind and attacked them. He said he lost control of the car, causing it to go into the ditch.

## BAG MISSING

Police investigators went to the scene of the accident as Balmori claimed they left a handbag in the car containing P78, but the handbag could not be found.

Balmori was taken to San Pedro Makati where he was placed under arrest. Mayor Jose Villena was investigating the case. Mayor Villena discarded the theory that Mrs. Cross stabbed herself, saying it was not possible for her to stab herself in the right side, where neither her left or right hand could easily reach.

The taxi driver, De Guzman, when questioned, said he knew nothing of the incident except that he saw the car ditched as he was passing by. He said Balmori asked for help so he stopped his cab and helped pull Mrs. Cross out. He took the two to the Philippine General Hospital, he said.

San Pedro Makati police could not question Mrs. Cross as she was under the effects of ether.

## MEDICAL STORES

## PERMITTED ENTER OCCUPIED EUROPE

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) —

## Finance and Commerce

## BRITAIN TO HAVE "BABY" BANKNOTES

## MORE MEN WILL BE CALLED UP

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — "Baby" banknotes are being held in reserve in Britain against the possibility of interruption in minting silver coins. The notes will be of small denomination and will not be used except in an emergency.

Authoritative London banking circles stress that the measure is purely precautionary and even if the notes are put in circulation their life would be brief as minting operations would be resumed with the utmost speed.

The total value of such notes would be infinitesimal compared with the present amount of banknotes in circulation (about £800,000,000).

## SCHEME APPROVED

A prominent London banker, discussing the proposal with Reuter's correspondent yesterday, expressed approval of the authoritatis' wisdom in taking this precaution. He also pointed out the following four practical advantages:

Firstly, metallic coinage is thus easily augmented.

Secondly, the transport of notes is easier than the transport of coins.

Thirdly, manufacturing cost would be smaller and valuable savings in tin, zinc and antimony made possible, and,

Fourthly, the recall of notes from circulation at the end of the war would be easier than the recall of silver coinage.

## INCREASED COST OF TRAVELLING IN BRITAIN

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — The worker and the season ticket holder escape the six per cent increase on existing railway fares which comes into force on December 1, announced Col. Moore Brabazon, Minister of Transport, in the House of Commons yesterday.

There will be no increase on the London passenger transport system except for the coach service. The burden of higher charges will fall on the casual traveller and on the rates.

The charge were increased ten per cent in January last.

## TRADES UNION CONGRESS

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — Mr. George Gibson, General Secretary of the Mental Hospital and the Institutional Workers Union, was unanimously elected the new chairman of the Trades Union Congress. Gibson, who served in the last war, has been one of the strongest advocate and supporters of Congress co-operation with the Government's war effort.

## H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The demand is sustained at current levels, in small volume owing to scarcity of offerings.

## BUYERS

Docks (O), \$15.90.  
Docks (N), \$15.25.  
Providents, \$4.55.  
Trams, \$15.85.  
Electrics (O), \$36.75.  
Electrics (N), \$36.50.  
Telephones, \$23.25.  
Watsons, \$8.90.  
Entertainments, \$6.40.

## SELLERS

Lands, \$31.  
SALES  
H.K. Banks, \$1230.  
Union Ins., \$387.50.  
Providents, \$4.55.  
Hotels, \$3.20.  
Lands, \$30.25.  
Watsons, \$8.

## HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Thursday, Oct. 24, 1940

## SALES

H.K. Banks, 5 \$1,230.00  
China Providents, 500 4.55  
Cements, 500 18.15  
500 18.25  
Dairy Farms, 200 17.30  
H.K. Electrics (N), 200 37.00  
100 37.25  
China Lights (O), 200 6.85  
2.25  
The total value is \$40,580.00.

## Australian Production Of Munition

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — An indication that the army is now in a position to absorb more men is provided by the announcement that men of 35 will have to register for service on November 9 and November 16. The great majority of these men will have reached the age of 35 but not 36, and a small minority will be not quite 35.

Therefore one group and a half will be left before another royal proclamation further extending registration dates is necessary.

The question of another royal proclamation does not immediately arise. Over three months have elapsed since the last registration. There is no information with regard to when the next age groups beyond the present call will be asked to register but it may be several months.

As many of the men affected by the new registration are in reserved occupations, it is not possible to estimate the number who will be available for the Forces.

## MARKED INCREASE IN U.K. EXPORTS

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — Despite intensification of enemy activity, the export of United Kingdom goods was fully maintained in September.

This was the most notable feature of the trade returns issued yesterday.

The average value of exports per working day in September actually exceeded the corresponding figure for August. The total exports of United Kingdom goods in September amounted to £31,100,000, which substantially exceeded the total of £23,000,000 in September, 1939.

After a year of war, overseas trade figures testify to the success of the British Exports Council's efforts to find and develop alternative markets in view of the prevailing European conditions.

During the six months ended August 31 this year, the United Kingdom's exports to countries outside Europe and the Mediterranean area had been above the year earlier. The aggregate increase for the period is £39,000,000 or about 20 per cent.

## MARKET REPORT FROM ROZA BROS.

Thursday, Oct. 24. Silver prices dropped 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 237/16 for Ready and 233/8 for Forward. Silver advises report the market as being quiet with nothing doing. American Silver was quoted at 343/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 4021/2. New York/London was quoted at 403.3/4.

MARKET  
Steady but quiet.  
STERLING

The market opened with sellers at 1/231/32 resulting in a small business at 1/3 for Cash. At 1 p.m. the market closed with sellers at 1/3 for Cash, and 1/231/32 January/February, buyers at 1/3. 1/32 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS  
There were sellers at 231/6 for near and 231/8 December, buyers at 233/16 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS  
Some business was done early in the morning at 3921/4. Later business was done at 3911/2. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 391, buyers at 3911/2.

AFTERNOON MARKET  
Sellers of Sterling were quoted at the opening at 351/64 for Spot and closed with sellers at 313/18 for Spot. U.S. opened with sellers at 527/32 for Spot and closed with sellers at 57/8 for Spot.

AFTERNOON MARKET  
The market was quiet in the afternoon.

STERLING  
There were sellers at 1/3 for near, buyers at 1/31/2 for Cash.

U. S. DOLLARS  
Sellers at 231/16 for Cash and 231/8 December, buyers at 233/18 for Cash.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS  
Sellers at 391, buyers at 3913/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET  
Sellers of Sterling for Spot at 513/16 and U.S. at 57/8 sellers for Spot.

## FARM BANKING BUSINESS EXPANDING

Considerable progress has been achieved in the farm banking business since the enforcement of the wartime agricultural finance policy, and his chief duty in his new capacity will be to seek to further develop the business so that every village in the country can be benefited, said Mr. Ku Yih-chun, newly appointed Acting Managing-Director of the Farmers Bank, in an interview with Central News.

Mr. Ku, who was formerly Commissioner of Finance for Kwangtung, is assistant manager of the bank. Owing to the absence of Mr. Yih Chur-long, the Managing-Director, he is acting in Mr. Yih's stead. The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the bank is Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan.

Under the direction of Dr. Kung and in close cooperation with the various government banks and other interested organizations, Mr. Ku said, he will spare no efforts to develop the agricultural finance on a nation-wide scale and to increase the efficiency in the conduct of the farm banking business.

Industrial leaders registered small gains.

Among the oil shares, Trinidad Petroleum Development advanced 1s. 3d. to 48s. 9d. following the news that the company was seeking authority to increase its capital.

Wall Street was firm.

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuter) — The Stock Exchange yesterday was narrowly irregular and business again was small.

Home rails were supported in view of the expected higher charges. Gilt-edged stocks after an early improvement, closed around the previous levels.

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## HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Time	Buyers	Sellers	Nominal	THURSDAY		Buyers	Sellers	Nominal
				Buyers	Sellers			
Banks								
...	...	...	\$1230	H.K. Banks	\$1225	...	...	287
...	...	...	627	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	...	281
...	...	...	281	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	...	27
...	...	...	27	Chartered Banks	...	...	...	266
...	...	...	2108	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	...	203
...	...	...	872	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	...	172
...	...	...	...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...	50 ct.
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Insurances	...	...	...	8185
...	...	...	...	Canton Insurances	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Union Insurances	\$385	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Underwriters	...	\$1	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Fires	...	\$150	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shipping	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Douglas	...	...	...	8120
...	...	...	...	Steamboats	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	...	...	...	8100
...	...	...	...	Indo-Chinas (Def.)	...	...	...	8100
...	...	...	...	Shells	...	...	...	35/0
...	...	...	...	Waterboats	...	...	...	86.90
...	...	...	...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. & E. Wharves	...	...	...	888
...	...	...	...	Providents	\$4.50	\$4.50	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (Old)	\$15.85	\$15.85	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Docks (New)	\$16.30	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	+ Shanghai Docks	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Mining	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Kailan	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ranbo	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...	...
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...	...	...	...	Humphreys	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Ewo (B.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Shi. Cottons (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Public Utilities	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Tramways	\$15.85	\$16.10	...	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Star Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Yatni Ferries	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	China Lights (Old)	...	...</		

## FOREIGN MARKETS &amp; QUOTATIONS

## BANKS

## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS

OCTOBER 24, 1940.	
On London:	Telegraphic Transfer, 5/7/8
	Bank Bills, on demand 1/3/8
	Credits 4 months' sight 1/3/8
On Shanghai:	On demand 385
On Singapore:	On demand 62 3/8
On Japan:	On demand 100
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer, 1/3/8
	and demand 1/3/8
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 2/3/8
	Credits, 60 days' sight 2/3/8
On Batavia:	On demand 42 3/8
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand Nom.
	Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:	On demand 99
On Manila:	On demand 45 1/2
On Bangkok:	On demand 140 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate Nom.
	Bar Silver per oz. 23 7/16

## Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Oct. 24 (Reuter).
Official T.T. Rates:
Opening
London 0/3/11/16
New York 5-5/8
Japan 23-7/8
India 20-3/8 N
Hongkong 24-1/2
Sterling
Sellers
Opening Closing
Spot 0/3-51/64 0/3-13/16
Oct. 0/3-51/64 0/3-13/16
Nov. 0/3-51/64 0/3-13/16

U.S. Dollars
Spot \$5-27/32 \$5-7/8
Oct. 5-27/32 5-7/8
Nov. 5-27/32 5-7/8
Market—Very quiet

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2d.
The Equivalisation rate was 244 per cent.
per cent.
Calcutta, Oct. 23 (Reuter).

Calcutta, Oct. 23 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 51-1/4.
Forward, 23-3/8d.
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Oct. 23 (Reuter).

SILVER MARKET
LONDON SILVER
London, Oct. 23 (Reuter).
Silver—Market very quiet with no special features. Business small. In the afternoon, the market was very quiet.
Spot 23-7/16d.

Forward, 23-3/8d.
BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Oct. 23 (Reuter).
Market—Quiet. Oftake 20 bars.
Indian Mint Silver

Ready 62-06
Nov. 25 Settlement 62-07
Dec. 27 Settlement 62-08

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Oct. 23 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, £257-1/8.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £260-3/8.

Market steady.

## RESERVE BANK OF INDIA STATEMENT

Calcutta, Oct. 23 (Reuter).

Oct. 11 Oct.

Notes in circulation

(including Notes held in the Bank)

Bank Department) 28,879 25,896

Rupee Coin and Bullion in India 3,128 3,142

Gold Coin and Bullion in India 4,441 4,441

Securities (Indian Government) 4,961 4,981

Securities (British Government) 13,150 13,150

(Figures in Lakhs of Rupees)

London, Oct. 23 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168/-

## LONDON GOLD

London, Oct. 23 (Reuter).

Bar Gold, Fine per oz. 168/-

PAYNE & CO.  
COMMODITY BROKERS  
STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING  
HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW  
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK October 23, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER		Previous	October 23.	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
S P O T		38 1/2	38 5/8	38 5/8	35 1/2	35 1/2	up 1/8
JAN.-MAR.		36 5/8	36 5/8	36 5/8	34 5/8	34 5/8	"
APR.-JUNE		34 1/2	34 5/8	34 5/8	34 5/8	34 5/8	"

LONDON RUBBER		Previous close	Today's close	buyers	buyers	Change
S P O T		11-13/16	11-7/8			up 1/16
NOVEMBER		11-7/8	11-7/8			"
DECEMBER		11-15/16	11-15/16			"
JAN.-MAR.		12	12			"
APRIL-JUNE		11-13/16	11-7/8			up 7/16

NEW YORK COTTON		Previous close	Today's close	buyers	buyers	Change
S P O T		9.62	9.53	9.51	9.60	.09 up
NOVEMBER		20.46	20.40	20.42	20.40	.02 off
DECEMBER		87 1/2	86 1/2	86 1/2	87 1/2	"
JAN.-MAR.		68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2	"
APRIL-JUNE		13.45	12.75	12.15	12.88	.27 off

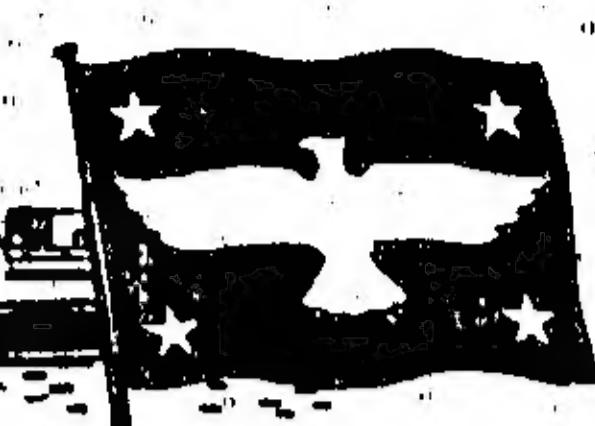
CHICAGO WHEAT	
The market was steady but quiet.	
and covering of news on reports of large textiles sales. Hedging was unusually light due to the continued diversions into the Loan. There was a good demand for spot.	
NEW YORK RUBBER: A steady market. Shipment offerings were light and at firm basis.	
CHICAGO WHEAT: The mills are reported to be nervous due to the firm attitude of growers. Further advances are apparently necessary for diversions from the Loan into trade channels. Today's buying was mostly attributed to mills and covering by shorts.	

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 131.98; Today's close, 132.40; Change, up .42.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET  
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK COTTON		Prev.	Today's
S P O T		9.54/53	9.60/60
January		9.43 N	9.40b
March		9.49/49	9.49/50
May		9.20/20	9.40/40

NEW YORK COTTON		Openinz	Closing	Change
Dec. (New contract)	9.51/52	9.54/53	9.60/60	.09 up
January	9.43 N	9.40b	9.51	.08 up
March	9.49/49	9.49/50	9.58/58	.09 up</td

PRESIDENT LINER  
Sailings

To SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES  
via SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU  
S.S. "PRESIDENT PIERCE" Oct. 29  
S.S. "PRESIDENT COOLIDGE" Nov. 3  
S.S. "PRESIDENT TAFT" Nov. 17

To NEW YORK and BOSTON  
via MANILA, SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
BOMBAY and CAPE TOWN  
S.S. "PRESIDENT ADAMS" Nov. 20  
S.S. "PRESIDENT HARRISON" Dec. 8

To SINGAPORE & PENANG  
S.S. "CITY OF NORFOLK" Oct. 29  
S.S. "CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO" Dec. 2

To SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES  
via YOKOHAMA  
S.S. "CITY OF NORFOLK" Nov. 17  
S.S. "CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO" Dec. 22

**AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES**  
"ROUND-WORLD SERVICE"  
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CONTROL OF  
BY ITALYLITTLE THREAT  
TO ADEN

The suggestion has been made that the possession of British Somaliland by the Italians endangers naval traffic in the Gulf of Aden and even Aden itself. This is not so, writes Brig. General John Charters, in the Manchester Guardian.

Without sea-power the only use that could be made of Berbera would be as a possible jumping-off ground for air attack.

## TRANSPORT DIFFICULTIES

Even this would involve the transport of the petrol and lubricants required for the aeroplanes over the long and difficult journey from such supplies as the Italians may have accumulated in Italian Somaliland or in Abyssinia. It cannot be considered a serious threat.

Somaliland has a chequered history. Berbera was first occupied to enable us to control more efficiently the slave traffic then passing from Africa to Muscat. The hinterland in which the recent fighting mostly took place, was occupied when the Mad Mullah made his appearance and when it was in Italian interests, as well as our own, that European control should be maintained.

## DIFFICULT TO DEFEND

During the Abyssinian war, when sanctions were applied against Italy and when there seemed a possibility that Italy and Britain, each without allies, might be involved in hostilities, the British plan of campaign accepted the necessity of abandoning Somaliland both because it would be difficult to defend without using the French port of Jibuti and because it had little intrinsic value. In the present war the Allied staffs decided to hold Somaliland, relying on French co-operation and on the use of the port of Jibuti.

Jibuti was then under a French officer named Gentilhomme. Relations with him were most cordial, and even after France had laid down her arms in Europe he proposed to maintain the conflict in Jibuti and to give us all assistance he could. The Vichy Government would have none of it. It issued pre-emptory orders that all assistance to Britain must cease. When Gentilhomme refused to agree they removed him from his post.

With Jibuti no longer available the defence of Somaliland against anything but a very minor expedition became impossible. Berbera, however valuable for hunting slave dhows, had no facilities for dealing with warlike stores. There is a long and open beach some miles in extent with no wharf, not even a jetty.

## HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 25 to 31 Oct. 1940.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.	Hong Kong Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	25	6 25	6 8	10 48	2 5
	17 48	5 1	21 18	4 9	
Sat.	26	0 58	6 6	11 40	2 4
	15 24	5 5	23 39	4 5	
Sun.	27	15 22	6 0	15 28	2 4
	18 58	6 6	20 45	2 7	
Mon.	28	0 28	8 5	12 10	2 4
	19 30	8 6	21 40	3 0	
Tues.	29	0 45	8 6	19 40	2 5
	20 06	7 1	13 48	2 4	
Wed.	30	0 55	8 5	0 29	2 5
	20 40	7 5	14 28	2 5	
Thur.	31	0 40	8 4	0 14	1 7
	21 18	7 9	16 00	2 9	

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## WEATHER REPORT

Royal Observatory, Hongkong.

10 a.m. Oct. 24. Barometer, (at sea level), 29.03 ins.

Temperature, 83 F.

Humidity, 73 per cent.

Wind Direction, S.W.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 87 F.

Temperature, minimum last night, 79 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending, 10 a.m. today, 0.01 ins.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 113.63 ins.

Against an average of, 81.54 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.51 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.24 a.m.

4 p.m. Oct. 24. Barometer (at sea level), 29.08 ins.

Temperature, 80 F.

Humidity, 76 per cent.

Wind Direction, N.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature 88 F.

Minimum temperature, 79 F.

Rainfall, 0.07.

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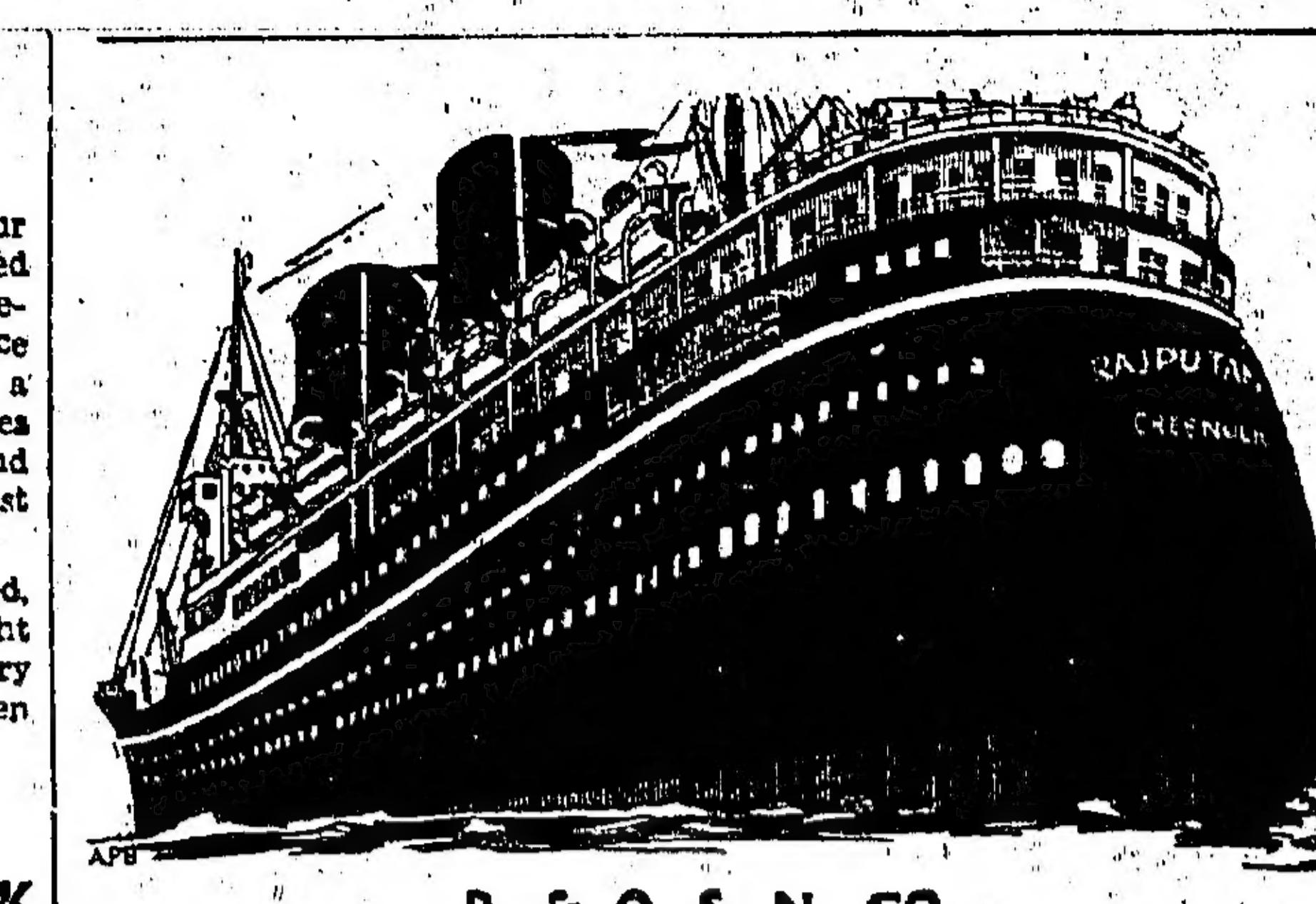
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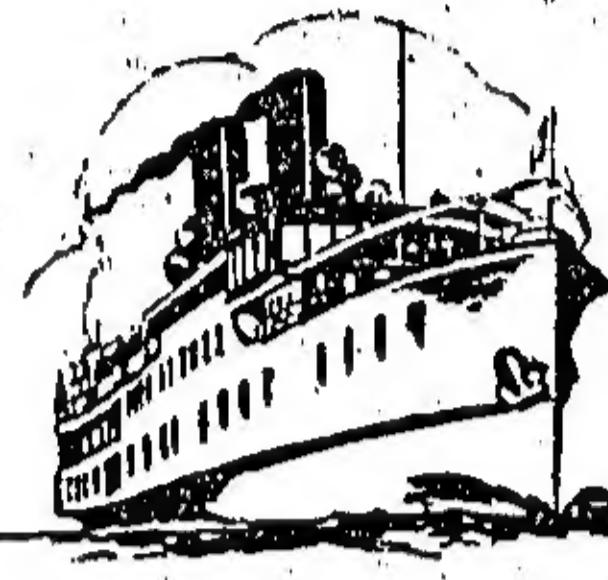
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**Big Plans  
To Repair  
Damage To  
Buildings**

The British Government is making big plans to repair the damage done by German bombers, it was announced by the Lord Privy Seal Mr. C. R. Attlee, in the House of Commons yesterday according to a Daventry news bulletin.

A new Ministry had been created for the purpose, under Sir John Reith, and it will have to decide which buildings are to be repaired first and also to institute research as to the use of substitute materials for the new buildings that are short of any special materials.

**THE WEATHER**

Maximum temperature yesterday was 88 and the minimum 79.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 113.63 inches against an average of 81.54.

The Royal Observatory reports:—

The anticyclone over N. China is increasing in intensity and spreading southward.

Pressure remains high over the Pacific to the east of Japan.

The depression has deepened, and is centred immediately to the north of Nagasaki, moving N.E.

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuters)—According to a German radio announcement, all members of the Polish Embassy in Rumania, with the exception of the Ambassador have been arrested.

The air raid warning sirens were sounded yesterday morning when they were subject to their periodical test. The wailing continued in broken periods for over half an hour from 10 o'clock.

**H.G. WELLS BITTERLY  
ATTACKED BY M.P.:  
"A DANGEROUS MAN"**

**Should Not Be Permitted  
To Lecture In U.S.**

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuters)—"I think it is dangerous to allow a man of this type to go to America," declared Lord Winterton in the House of Commons yesterday when, in a lengthy attack on H. G. Wells, he questioned the propriety of Wells being granted an exit permit in order to carry on a lecture tour in the United States.

Lord Winterton referred to Wells' reference to Lord Halifax as the "quintessence of everything an Englishman should not be."

Lord Winterton added: "There is another and more sinister explanation of Wells' conduct. France was not only betrayed by her Laval and other traitors of the Right or by Communists of the Left. There was another class of 'sixth columnists' who for years past had tried to shape the fate of Frenchmen in all the spiritual and material institutions of France. These people like Wells, professed a hatred of Nazism and they abused and insulted their fellow countrymen. Like Wells, they believed in nothing but themselves."

Lord Winterton added: "I happen to be an extensive reader of Addison, Steele and Pope. I can imagine one of them saying of this attack, 'Sir, these are indecent words, nay, they are worse, they are blackguardly'."

Wells, Lord Winterton continued, had for years been attacking our religion and constitution. Here Lord Winterton referred to an occasion when he (Lord Winterton) was present at a lunch in America at a meeting of an Inter-Governmental Committee. There were present the Governor of New York State and also the Roman Catholic Archbishop of the Eastern States, the Mayor of New York—himself a devout Catholic—and representatives of the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church and the Jewish religion.

"I was struck with the fact that throughout the very eloquent speeches there ran a very strong feeling of unity of the different faiths, and yet we allow Wells to go to the United States as a representative of Britain and British literature—a man who prides himself as being an opponent of

**POLICE REPORTS**

Lai Fun, servant, reports that

money and jewellery to the total

value of \$58 were stolen from her

quarters.

The theft of felt hats, valued at \$111, from 214 Shanghai Street, on Wednesday has been reported to the Police by Chan Man.

The theft of a quantity of clothing, to the total value of \$73, belonging to Messrs. F. J. Remedios, J. J. Remedios and L. E. Pina, from the Club de Recreio has been reported to the Police. The clothing were stolen from the club on Wednesday between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Mr. Walsh who is on the staff of the San Francisco Chronicle, said that Mr. Wendell Willkie, the Republican candidate, had as big a following as Mr. Roosevelt, and that the contest was like "to prove one of the closest in American history."

"WE'RE COMING IN" "BUT IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO WINS," MR. WALSH CONCLUDED. "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT EITHER WILL MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO OUR PRESENT POLICY, ECONOMICALLY OR POLITICALLY." HE ADDED

MOST EMPHASITICALLY THAT AMERICA "WOULD ENTER THE WAR BEFORE NEXT SPRING," SAYING "SURE, WE'RE COMING IN."

Refusing to comment on the American reaction to the Axis Tripartite Pact recently signed, Mr. Walsh said that his own opinion was that it would eventually turn out to be very bad for Japan.

Asked for his reasons, the journalist smiled and replied somewhat hesitantly. "Well, you will see very soon."

**DEJECTION IN JAPAN**

He was in Japan on his way out, he said, and what impressed him most there was the sad dejected looks of the people, and the universal slump in business throughout that country.

"The man in the street looks as if he was carrying the burden of the whole world on his head," he said. "Trade's very bad there."

Remarking that they had a very pleasant voyage across the Pacific and that he was looking forward to visiting Hongkong on his return from Manilá, Mr. Walsh, who was not allowed to land because he did not have a British visa, said:

"I must rectify this by seeing the British Consul in Manilá before I return here on my way back home." He added that the author of this only after the arrival of his ship in Hongkong yesterday morning.

Mr. Roosevelt said that the American people would not be stampeded into a panic and they would not be swept away "by this blitzkrieg of verbal incendiary bombs" and the continued "verbal bombs" which the Republican leaders have unloaded on this people.

LONDON, Oct. 24 (Reuters)—M. Stalin made his first public appearance since August when with M. Molotov and other officials, he attended the Theatre Festival performance yesterday.

**FOREIGN MAIIS**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1940, 8.30 A.M.

Christmas and New Year cards bearing not more than five written words and enclosed in open envelopes are accepted by the Post Office as the rate for printed matter, i.e. 5 cents per 2 ounces. Envelopes must not be closed.

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An air mail service providing a connection with British Overseas Airways at Rangoon will be available during the period of suspension of the Hongkong-Bangkok Service. The postage rates for all destinations will be \$1.50 per 1 oz for letters and \$0.75 each for postcards. Mail for this service will be superscribed "Via Rangoon" and bear the usual blue air mail label.

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Australia and Manila		2nd Nov.
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G.P.O.	
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WEDNESDAY	
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G.P.O.	
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Reg. 4.00 PM	
Ord. 7.00 PM	
THURSDAY	
Bangkok, Madang, Salamaua, Babau and Tulagi	
Manila, Straits, Batavia and Mauritius	
K.P.O.	
Parcels 4.00 PM	
Reg. 4.00 PM	
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